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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated December 9, 2004, setting a one month period for response to expire on January 10, 2005 (January 9, 2005 being a Sunday), Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the herein contained amendments and remarks, as well as the Request for Interference filed concurrently herewith.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.